(c) what is the Government's res-,ponse thereto, indicating the treatment evolved to tackling the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Government hag «een the news item.

(b) Based on the country wide surveillance and screening of persons belonging to high risk groups namely foreigners including foreign students «exually transmitted disease patients, prostitutes and Intravenous drug abusers, 222 persons have been con firmed to have AIDS infection out of 79,729 screened upto the end of 31-1-1988 including 16 full blown AIDS cases. Out of this, 16 full blown cases, 8 were Indians, 7 were foreig ners and 1 non-resident Indian 8 full blown case of Indians have been re ported as under: —

Maharashtra—2

Punjab—2

Vndhra Pradesh—1

/. & K.—1 Uttar

Pradesh—1

CJujarat—1

(c) The line of action being pursu ed, at present, is prevention through public education coupled with effec tive surveillance. The Government have decided to intensify public edu cation through mass media and expan sion of surveillance activities and training of worker$_s$ to build up capa bilities for detection, diagnosis and treatment of AIDS cases.

Purchase of aircraft for Vayudoot

1554. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to purchase 24 aircraft for Vayudoot;

(b) if so, the details of decision taken; and

(c) the type of aircraft to be purchased?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) The aircraft capacity required by Vayudoot, to meet the future growth as well as ^{to} replace some of the existing aircraft, has not yet been firmed up.

Deaths due to Malaria, Kala-azar and Encephalitis in the country

1555. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) number of persons died of Malaria, Kalajar and Japanese Encepha'li-ties diseases in the country during the period 1st January, 1984 and 31st December, 1987 (year-wise and State-**wise);**

(b) what ar$_e$ the reasons that in spite of taking various steps to eradicate these diseases, the diseases are spreading day by day in the entire country;

(c) the amount spent by each State for spraying of various medicines/ insecticides during the aforesaid period (year-wise); and

(4) what are the reasons that Government is not going for Integrated Programme for controlling of victor borne diseases till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Requisite information is given in the Annexure. [See Appendix, CXLV, Annexure No. 531

(b) and (c) All thes$_e$ diseases are not spreading day by day in the-

country. Under the National Malaria Eradication Programme—a centrally sponsored plan schem$_e$ (category-II), organised control measure for Malaria are being undertaken. This has resulted in bringing down the incidence of malaria to 1.48 million cases in 1987 against 6.47 million cases reported in 1976.

There i$_s$ no plan scheme fo$_r$ the control or eradication of Kala-azar and Japanese Encephalitis. However, necessary remedial measures are being taken under NMEP (Rural) for carrying out insecticidal spray operation for the containment of sP^{rea}d of these diseases.

The amount spent by various States/ **U.Ts.** on National Malaria Eradication Programme (Rural & Urban) on operational cost is given in the Annexure. [See Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 54] The expenditure incurred specifically on Kala-azar & Japanese Encephalitis has not been reported by the States/U.Ts. to this Ministry.

(d) The proposal was placed before the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare and in its meeting held in February, 1988, the Council recommended an integrated programme for control of Malaria and other vector borne diseases rike Fiiaria, Japanese Encephalitis and Kala-azar.

Inquiry int$_0$ the working of Asiatic Society of India

1556. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct an indepth inquiry into the working of the Asiatic Society of India; and

(b) if so, what are the details -thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government presently to conduct an indepth inquiry into the working of the Asiatic Society, Calcutta.

(b) Does not arise.

Dogra Commttee Report on Technical Education

1557. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the Dogra Committee report on technical education; and

(b) if so, by what time impleme tatfton process is likely to star*?

THE MINISTER OF STATE i DEPARTMENTS OF EDUC. AND CULTURE IN THE MTNJ OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVJ MENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a% (b) An Empowered Committee has been set up to examine the report of the Dogra Committee and make recommendations. Th$_e$ implementation process will start only after the recommendations of the Empowered Committee have been finalised and approved by the Cabinet.

Over staffing in Air India

1558. SHRI AJIT.P. K. JOGI;
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "**Air** India" is grossly over-staffed making it non competitive compared to other international carriers;

(b) if so, what action is being takei. to reduce the excess staff; and